



# Dr. Patricia Bath

## "The Right To Sight"

Believing in herself and following her heart, Patricia Bath blazed a trail in medicine for women and African Americans to follow. In the 1960s she chose a career as an eye surgeon and later became a professor of ophthalmology. Dr. Bath helped co-found the American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness in 1976.

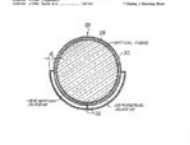
While residing in Los Angeles, she became the first female African American physician to receive a patent for a medical invention.

The device removed cataracts and revolutionized eye surgery. Today Dr. Bath holds five patents and continues to protect, preserve and restore sight, especially among underserved communities.



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